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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A data duplication method which duplicates data  
2 being stored in a storage subsystem connected to a  
3 computer, wherein,  
4       said computer includes a processor unit and a  
5 storing unit, and said processor unit comprises,  
6       an identification information reading step which  
7 reads out from a storing unit an identification  
8 information list in which identification information  
9 of each of a plurality of storage media included in  
10 the storage subsystem is stored,  
11       a first reading step which reads out from the  
12 storing unit, the first duplication definition  
13 information which stores the identification  
14 information with respect to each of the plurality of  
15 storage media, and identification information of a  
16 copy destination storage medium of each of the  
17 plurality of storage media,  
18       a first comparing step which compares the  
19 identification information list read out in the  
20 identification information reading step, and the first  
21 duplication definition information read out in the  
22 first reading step,  
23       an addition step in which if there exists

24 identification information that is stored in the  
25 identification information list but not stored in the  
26 first duplication definition information in the first  
27 comparing step, a copy destination recording medium  
28 of the storage medium having the identification  
29 information is selected according to a predetermined  
30 selection condition, the identification information  
31 and the identification information of the copy  
32 destination storage medium thus selected are added to  
33 the first duplication definition information, and data  
34 in the storage medium having the identification  
35 information is copied to the copy destination storage  
36 medium thus selected, and

37 a deletion step in which if there exists  
38 identification information that is not stored in the  
39 identification information list but is stored in the  
40 first duplication definition information in the first  
41 comparing step, the identification information and the  
42 identification information of the storage medium,  
43 which is a copy destination of the storage medium  
44 having the identification information, are deleted  
45 from the first duplication definition information, and  
46 copying the data of the storage medium having the  
47 identification information is stopped.

1 2. A data duplication method according to claim 1,  
2 wherein,  
3 there exist a plurality of said storage  
4 subsystems connected to the computer, and a plurality  
5 of said storage subsystems which include said copy  
6 destination storage medium.

1 3. A data duplication method according to claim 1,  
2 wherein,  
3 a second reading step which reads out from said  
4 storing unit, the second duplication definition  
5 information which stores identification information  
6 with respect to each of said plurality of storage media  
7 as a copy destination, and identification information  
8 of a storage medium as a further copy destination of  
9 each of said storage media,  
10 a second comparing step which compares the first  
11 duplication definition information read out in said  
12 first reading step, and the second duplication  
13 definition information read out in said second reading  
14 step,  
15 an addition step in which if there exists  
16 identification information that is stored in the first  
17 duplication definition information but not stored in  
18 the second duplication definition information in the

19 second comparing step, a further copy destination  
20 recording medium of the storage medium having the  
21 identification information is selected according to  
22 a predetermined selection condition, the  
23 identification information and the identification  
24 information of the further copy destination storage  
25 medium thus selected are added to the second  
26 duplication definition information, and data in the  
27 storage medium having the identification information  
28 is copied to the further copy destination storage  
29 medium thus selected, and

30 a deletion step in which if there exists  
31 identification information that is not stored in the  
32 first duplication definition information but is stored  
33 in the second duplication definition information in  
34 the second comparing step, the identification  
35 information and the identification information of the  
36 storage medium, which is a further copy destination  
37 of the storage medium having the identification  
38 information, are deleted from the second duplication  
39 definition information, and copying the data of the  
40 storage medium having the identification information  
41 is stopped.

1 4. A data duplication method according to claim 1,

2 wherein,

3       said selection condition includes information  
4 which has caused an error occurred in said addition  
5 step.

1 5. A program which duplicates data being stored in  
2 a storage subsystem connected to a computer, wherein,  
3       said computer includes a processor unit and a  
4 storing unit, and said program allows the processor  
5 unit to execute,

6       an identification information reading step which  
7 reads out from a storing unit an identification  
8 information list which stores identification  
9 information of each of a plurality of storage media  
10 included in the storage subsystem,

11       a definition information reading step which reads  
12 out from the storing unit, the duplication definition  
13 information which stores the identification  
14 information with respect to each of the plurality of  
15 storage media, and identification information of a  
16 copy destination storage medium of each of the  
17 plurality of storage media,

18       a comparing step which compares the  
19 identification information list read out in the  
20 identification information reading step, and the

21 duplication definition information read out in the  
22 duplication definition reading step,

23       an addition step in which if there exists  
24 identification information that is stored in the  
25 identification information list but not stored in the  
26 duplication definition information in the comparing  
27 step, a copy destination recording medium of the  
28 storage medium having the identification information  
29 is selected according to a predetermined selection  
30 condition, the identification information and the  
31 identification information of the copy destination  
32 storage medium thus selected are added to the  
33 duplication definition information, and data in the  
34 storage medium having the identification information  
35 is copied to the copy destination storage medium thus  
36 selected, and

37       a deletion step in which if there exists  
38 identification information that is not stored in the  
39 identification information list but is stored in the  
40 duplication definition information in the comparing  
41 step, the identification information and the  
42 identification information of the storage medium,  
43 which is a copy destination of the storage medium  
44 having the identification information, are deleted  
45 from the duplication definition information, and

46 copying the data of the storage medium having the  
47 identification information is stopped.

1 6. A computer which duplicates data stored in a  
2 storage subsystem, comprising,  
3 a first storing means which stores an  
4 identification information list in which  
5 identification information of each of a plurality of  
6 storage media included in said storage subsystem is  
7 stored,  
8 a second storing means which stores duplication  
9 definition information including identification  
10 information with respect to each of said plurality of  
11 storage media, and identification information of a  
12 copy destination storage medium of each of said storage  
13 media, and  
14 a comparing means which compares the  
15 identification information list stored in said first  
16 storing means, and the duplication definition  
17 information stored in said second storing means,  
18 wherein,  
19 if the identification information is stored in  
20 said identification information list but not stored  
21 in said duplication definition information, said  
22 comparing means selects according to a predefined  
23 selection condition, a copy destination storage medium



24 of the storage medium having the identification  
25 information, adds to said duplication definition  
26 information, the identification information and the  
27 identification information of said copy destination  
28 storage medium thus selected, and copies data in the  
29 storage medium having the identification information  
30 to said copy destination storage medium thus selected,  
31 and

32 if there exists identification information not  
33 stored in said identification information list, but  
34 stored in said duplication definition information,  
35 said comparing means deletes from said duplication  
36 definition information, the identification  
37 information and the identification information of the  
38 copy destination storage medium of the storage medium  
39 having the identification information, and stops  
40 copying of data in the storage medium having the  
41 identification information.